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1. GENERAL

This bulletin, issued by the Acting Commonwealth Statistician, (Mr. S. R. Carver) covers the operations of Part VII of the Social Service Consolidation Act, 1947, for the month of May, 1948 and the eleven months ended May, 1948. This information has been compiled from data made available by the Department of Social Services.

The Act provides for the payment of benefits to persons whose normal earnings have been interrupted through unemployment or temporary incapacity. It also provides another class of benefit - designated Special Benefit - which gives assistance to persons on account of some special circumstances, and to those persons who cannot comply with the statutory requirements relating to unemployment or sickness benefit, and who are prevented from earning a livelihood and are in need.

The number of recipients of benefit does not embrace the total unemployment and sickness in the community. Unemployment or sickness of less than seven day's duration is not covered, owing to the provision in the Act of a "waiting period" of this length of time during which no benefit is payable. Permanent incapacity is not included as this is covered by the Invalid section of the Social Services Consolidation Act, 1947. The application of a "means test" excluded another group from benefit. The inclusion of claims rejected - see Section 8 - completes the coverage of all persons applying for benefit, irrespective of whether their claims are approved or rejected.

The number of "persons on benefit" in this bulletin relates to principal beneficiaries who would normally be breadwinners. Dependents of such beneficiaries are not included.

The details given in Sections 4, 6 and 7 refer to admittances and exits notified during the period shown and not to admittances and exits which actually occurred during the period.

Due to delay in the receipts of information in respect of some beneficiaries the figures are preliminary and subject to revision. This applies particularly to exits, and results in persons on benefit at the end of the latter months being overstated.

2. BENEFITS PAID

The benefits paid in respect of each class of benefit in each State during May, 1948 and the eleven months ended May, 1948, are shown in the following table.

I : AMOUNT OF BENEFITS PAID DURING MAY, 1948 AND THE ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED MAY, 1948 : STATES

State	Benefits paid during May, 1948				Benefits paid during eleven months ended May, 1948			
	Unemployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unemployment	Sickness	Special	Total
N.S.W. (a)	£. 2,365	£. 21,751	£. 1,160	£. 25,276	£. 58,661	£. 280,479	£. 9,467	£. 348,607
Victoria	443	17,622	4,496	22,561	16,159	188,621	18,175	222,955
Queensland	18,630	6,969	1,035	26,634	239,155	110,481	8,894	358,530
S. Australia (b)	12	5,994	282	6,288	3,877	72,173	3,403	79,453
W. Australia	1,310	3,666	327	5,303	35,714	52,597	5,659	93,970
Tasmania	123	2,600	239	2,962	2,736	35,536	2,330	40,602
TOTAL	22,883	58,602	7,539	89,024	356,302	739,887	47,928	1,144,117

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory,

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

3. SUMMARY - CLAIMS ADMITTED, EXITS, PERSONS ON BENEFIT

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The following table shows for the years 1945-46 and 1946-47, and for the months May, 1947 to May, 1948, the number of claims admitted and discontinued and persons remaining on benefit:-

II. CLAIMS ADMITTED, DISCONTINUANCES AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT -

YEARS 1945-46 AND 1946-47 AND MONTHS FROM MAY, 1947 TO MAY, 1948

AUSTRALIA.

Period	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
CLAIMS ADMITTED									
Year 1945-46	65,455	12,289	33,178	6,724	242	200	98,875	19,213	118,083
Year 1946-47	73,379	5,199	45,024	11,002	1,271	335	119,674	16,536	136,210
1947									
May	4,231	217	5,056	1,345	157	46	9,444	1,608	11,052
June	2,670	117	3,852	1,008	70	21	6,592	1,146	7,738
July	2,589	136	5,499	1,515	187	94	8,275	1,745	10,020
August	2,134	111	5,822	1,576	139	66	8,095	1,753	9,848
September	1,440	67	4,609	1,261	125	46	6,174	1,374	7,548
October	1,570	48	4,323	1,310	109	72	6,002	1,430	7,432
November	1,615	64	5,019	1,480	121	64	6,755	1,608	8,363
December	1,794	53	3,116	974	830	157	5,740	1,184	6,924
1948									
January	3,600	99	4,417	1,197	166	49	8,183	1,345	9,528
February	5,953	294	4,049	1,271	528	224	10,530	1,789	12,319
March (a)	3,431	293	3,771	1,123	139	209	7,341	1,625	8,966
April (a)	1,371	110	3,786	1,143	102	31	5,259	1,284	6,543
May (a)	940	58	4,385	1,244	1,377	237	6,702	1,539	8,241
DISCONTINUANCES									
Year 1945-46	58,879	11,992	27,550	5,432	136	60	86,615	17,484	104,099
Year 1946-47	73,974	5,269	43,388	10,075	1,136	210	118,498	15,554	134,052
1947									
May	5,945	242	4,803	1,220	157	22	10,905	1,484	12,389
June	3,803	151	3,796	965	76	15	7,675	1,131	8,806
July	3,265	151	4,905	1,244	142	45	8,312	1,440	9,752
August	3,230	141	5,812	1,512	138	24	9,180	1,677	10,857
September	2,091	81	4,598	1,256	142	47	6,831	1,384	8,215
October	2,286	87	4,531	1,260	107	41	6,924	1,388	8,312
November	2,003	78	5,467	1,606	142	46	7,612	1,730	9,342
December	890	50	3,233	1,006	132	117	4,255	1,173	5,428
1948									
January	2,885	73	4,508	1,340	798	81	8,191	1,494	9,685
February	4,176	194	3,821	1,081	447	39	8,444	1,314	9,758
March (a)	2,833	163	3,587	1,024	176	222	6,596	1,409	8,005
April (a)	4,541	305	3,772	1,101	150	201	8,463	1,607	10,070
May (a)	1,938	82	4,559	1,349	648	120	7,145	1,551	8,696
PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH.									
1946									
June	6,576	297	5,628	1,292	56	140	12,260	1,729	13,989
1947									
May	7,114	261	7,208	2,176	197	259	14,519	2,696	17,215
June	5,981	227	7,264	2,219	191	265	13,436	2,711	16,147
July	5,305	212	7,858	2,490	236	314	13,399	3,016	16,415
August	4,209	182	7,868	2,554	237	356	12,314	3,092	15,406
September	3,558	168	7,879	2,559	220	355	11,657	3,082	14,739
October	2,842	129	7,671	2,609	222	386	10,735	3,124	13,859
November	2,454	115	7,223	2,483	201	404	9,878	3,002	12,880
December	3,358	118	7,106	2,451	899	444	11,363	3,013	14,376
1948									
January	4,073	144	7,015	2,308	267	412	11,355	2,864	14,219
February	5,850	244	7,243	2,498	348	597	13,441	3,339	16,780
March (a)	6,448	374	7,427	2,597	311	584	14,186	3,555	17,741
April (a)	3,278	179	7,441	2,639	263	414	10,982	3,232	14,214
May (a)	2,280	155	7,267	2,534	992	531	10,539	3,220	13,759

(a) Subject to Revision.

(i) Duration: The number of weeks during which benefit was paid for each of the cases of benefit whose discontinuances was notified during May, 1948, and the eleven months ended May, 1948, is shown in the following table:-

III. DURATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING MAY, 1948
AND THE ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED MAY, 1948 : AUSTRALIA

Duration of Benefits	PERSONS							
	May, 1948				Eleven months ended May, 1948			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
<u>Weeks</u>								
Less than 1	201	560	36	797	3,936	5,148	132	9,216
1 and under 2	223	924	57	1,204	5,474	8,671	652	14,797
2 " " 3	203	888	140	1,231	3,731	7,747	553	12,031
3 " " 4	181	737	380	1,298	2,890	7,421	624	10,935
4 " " 5	158	537	63	758	2,223	5,590	352	8,165
5 " " 9	390	1,269	50	1,709	5,409	12,790	1,007	19,206
9 " " 13	326	578	29	933	2,528	5,723	232	8,483
13 " " 27	486	634	31	1,151	3,239	6,355	291	9,885
27 and over	131	317	13	461	2,113	3,127	162	5,402
TOTAL	2,299	6,444	799	9,542	31,543	62,572	4,005	98,120

The following table shows for discontinuances notified during May, 1948 and the eleven months ended May, 1948 the percentage distribution according to specified durations of benefit:-

IV. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING MAY, 1948 AND THE ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED
MAY, 1948 - PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION ACCORDING TO DURATION : AUSTRALIA

Duration of Benefits	May, 1948				Eleven months ended May, 1948			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
<u>Weeks</u>								
27 and over	5.7	4.9	1.6	4.8	6.7	5.0	4.0	5.5
13 " "	26.8	14.8	5.5	16.9	17.0	15.2	11.3	15.6
9 " "	41.0	23.7	9.1	26.7	25.0	24.3	17.1	24.2
5 " "	57.9	43.4	15.4	44.6	42.1	44.7	42.2	43.8
4 " "	64.9	51.8	23.3	52.5	49.2	53.7	51.0	52.1
3 " "	72.7	63.2	70.8	66.1	58.3	65.5	66.6	63.3
2 " "	81.6	77.0	88.4	79.0	70.2	77.9	80.4	75.5
1 " "	91.3	91.3	95.5	91.6	87.5	91.8	96.7	90.6
Less than 1	8.7	8.7	4.5	8.4	12.5	8.2	3.3	9.4

(ii) Reasons for Cessation: The reasons for terminating benefits whose discontinuance was notified during May, 1948 and the eleven months ended May, 1948 are shown below:-

V. REASONS FOR CESSION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING
MAY, 1948 AND THE ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED MAY, 1948 - AUSTRALIA

Reason for Cessation	May, 1948				Eleven months ended May, 1948			
	Unemployment		Sickness		Unemployment		Sickness	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Employment secured or resumed	1,042	45.32	3,929	60.97	16,669	52.85	34,778	55.58
Incapacity terminated	-	-	1,668	25.88	-	-	17,554	28.05
Failure to report (a)	989	43.02	262	4.07	11,541	36.59	2,172	3.47
Transfer to another benefit covered by the Act	56	2.44	45	0.70	927	2.94	746	1.19
Statutory age limit (b)	8	0.35	12	0.19	142	0.45	136	0.22
Permanent incapacity (c)	25	1.09	219	3.40	358	1.13	2,659	4.25
Transfer to Rehabilitation Allowance	2	0.09	8	0.12	44	0.14	1,299	2.08
Death	3	0.13	106	1.64	23	0.07	1,020	1.63
Transfer to another district	30	1.30	79	1.23	516	1.64	992	1.59
Other	144	6.26	116	1.80	1,323	4.19	1,216	1.94
TOTAL:	2,299	100.00	6,444	100.00	31,543	100.00	62,572	100.00

(a) In most of these cases the beneficiary has resumed employment without advising the Department of Social Services. (b) Included transfer to Age Pension. (c) Includes transfer to Invalid Pension.

Total Persons (i) Proportion per 10,000 in employment: The proportion of persons on benefit at 29th May, 1948, to the estimated number of employees in employment was approximately 52 per 10,000 comprising 9 unemployment, 37 sickness and 6 special cases per 10,000.

The following table shows the proportion for males and females:-

VI. APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 29TH MAY, 1948
PER 10,000 WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : AUSTRALIA

Sex	Proportion	No. on benefit per 10,000 in employment			
		Unemployment	Sickness	Special	Total
Males	per 10,000 males	12	38	5	55
Females	per 10,000 females	2	36	7	45
Persons	per 10,000 persons	9	37	6	52

(ii) State Totals: The following table shows the number of persons in each State in receipt of benefit at 29th May, 1948:-

VII. NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 29TH MAY, 1948 : STATES

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
N.S.W. (a)	357	52	2,757	930	687	221	3,801	1,203	5,004
Victoria	59	4	1,754	778	191	140	2,004	922	2,926
Queensland	1,559	89	1,106	333	58	67	2,723	489	3,212
S.Australia (b)	26	2	725	203	12	29	763	234	997
W.Australia	251	7	571	199	32	39	854	245	1,099
Tasmania	28	1	354	91	12	35	394	127	521
TOTAL	2,280	155	7,267	2,534	992	531	10,539	3,220	13,759

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(iii) Ages: Distribution of persons on benefit at 29th May, 1948 according to age groups is shown in the following table:-

VIII. GROUPED AGE : PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 29TH MAY, 1948
AUSTRALIA.

Grouped age (as at 31st December, 1947)	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
16 - 19 years	99	41	551	589	53	47	708	677	1,385
20 - 24 years	185	37	769	536	197	58	1,151	631	1,782
25 - 29 years	232	14	585	294	195	51	1,012	359	1,371
30 - 34 years	192	11	590	197	133	63	915	271	1,186
35 - 39 years	180	14	623	202	120	63	923	279	1,202
40 - 44 years	214	11	675	190	70	62	959	263	1,222
45 - 49 years	246	15	838	236	25	74	1,109	325	1,434
50 - 54 years	228	5	767	170	4	58	999	233	1,232
55 - 59 years	329	7	1,033	120	6	38	1,368	165	1,533
60 years and over	375	-	836	-	184	17	1,395	17	1,412
TOTAL	2,280	155	7,267	2,534	992	531	10,539	3,220	13,759

6. UNEMPLOYMENT - CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING MAY, 1948 AND THE ELEVEN MONTHS
ENDED MAY, 1948 AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF MAY, 1948

(i) Cause of Unemployment: The following table analyses the reasons for termination of employment as stated by persons whose admission to benefit was notified during May, 1948 and the eleven months ended May, 1948, and by those who were on benefit at 29th May, 1948.

Discharges and lay-offs are separations on the initiative of the employer, the broad distinction being that a discharge is final and there is no likelihood of the person being re-engaged, at least in the near future. A lay-off is a separation of temporary nature with the idea that the job will be available again for the employee as soon as circumstances permit. Quits are separations which take place on the initiative of the employee.

IX. CAUSE OF UNEMPLOYMENT : CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING MAY, 1948 AND
THE ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED MAY, 1948 : AUSTRALIA

Cause of Unemployment	Admitted during May, 1948		Admitted during 11 months ended May, 1948		On Benefit at 29th May, 1948	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Discharged or Laid off -						
Disciplinary reasons	5	-	203	9	19	1
Inefficiency, including medical unfitness	56	7	914	59	100	9
Power rationing	1	-	223	75	15	3
Shortage of materials	80	7	2,680	192	151	14
Strikes and lock-outs	22	-	3,376	165	106	4
Seasonal Work	159	3	5,100	57	464	9
Casual Work	267	6	4,244	78	406	9
Other including inadequately defined	182	21	4,464	262	463	38
Quitted -						
Medical unfitness work too heavy	152	10	2,794	279	342	41
Other quits, including inadequately defined	101	8	1,580	107	111	18
Not previously employed -						
Employers, workers on own account	26	-	561	5	70	2
Ex-service personnel not yet returned to work	10	1	244	5	29	-
Other	1	-	49	40	4	7
TOTAL	1,062	63	26,437	1,333	2,280	155

(ii) Industrial Groups: In the following statement is shown the distribution, according to main industrial groups, of persons whose admission to benefit was notified during May, 1948, and the eleven months ended May, 1948, and of those on benefit at 29th May, 1948.

X. UNEMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING MAY, 1948 AND THE ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED MAY, 1948 : AUSTRALIA

Industry in which last engaged	Admitted during May 1948		Admitted during 11 months ended May, 1948		On Benefit at 29th May, 1948	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Agriculture, Pastoral & Dairying	221	1	3,908	10	450	3
Other Primary Production	18	-	326	-	45	-
Coal Mining	21	-	898	-	52	-
Other Mining and Quarrying	15	-	489	-	33	-
Factories and Industrial -						
Founding, engineering, metal-working including shipbuilding	61	-	1,207	28	145	4
Vehicles, including aircraft	25	-	521	-	42	-
Textiles and articles of dress	10	6	197	145	25	20
Food, drink and tobacco	96	7	4,555	219	308	21
Furniture, woodwork, etc.	41	-	849	17	59	-
Other factories, including heat, light and power	38	1	921	42	96	3
Building and Construction	174	-	3,804	1	292	-
Transport and Communication	70	2	3,667	189	185	7
Commerce and Finance -						
Wholesale and retail trade	115	13	1,937	190	172	30
Finance and property	11	-	127	6	18	-
Public Administration and Professional	63	8	1,486	92	168	12
Personal and Domestic Service	72	24	1,180	349	153	49
Other	11	1	365	45	37	6
TOTAL	1,062	63	26,437	1,333	2,280	155

(iii) Males on Benefit: Distribution by States of males in receipt of unemployment benefit at 29th May, 1948, in the main industrial groups is shown in the following table:-

XI. UNEMPLOYMENT : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - MALES ON BENEFIT AT 29TH MAY, 1948.

States.

Industry in which last engaged	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Qld.	S.A. (b)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
Agriculture, Pastoral and Dairying	51	10	367	3	16	3	450
Other Primary Production	6	2	31	-	6	-	45
Coal Mining	15	-	36	-	-	1	52
Other Mining and Quarrying	1	1	25	-	6	-	33
Factories and Industrial							
Founding, Engineering, Metalworking including Shipbuilding	72	4	42	6	20	1	145
Vehicles, Including Aircraft	6	-	27	1	8	-	42
Textiles and Articles of Dress	7	2	8	-	7	1	25
Food, drink and tobacco	17	5	269	2	14	1	308
Furniture, woodwork, etc.	5	2	43	-	7	2	59
Other factories, including heat, light and power	30	3	45	-	17	1	96
Building and Construction	46	6	214	4	19	3	292
Transport and Communication	15	9	125	2	29	5	185
Commerce and Finance							
Wholesale and Retail Trade	22	10	109	5	26	-	172
Finance and Property	4	1	7	1	4	1	18
Public Administration and Professional	25	1	107	-	29	6	168
Personal and Domestic Service	28	3	84	2	34	2	153
Other	7	-	20	-	9	1	37
TOTAL 29TH MAY, 1948	357	59	1,559	26	251	28	2,280
TOTAL 31ST MAY, 1947	1,667	731	3,804	114	749	49	7,114

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

(iv) Metropolitan and Other: Admissions to unemployment benefit notified during the eleven months ended May, 1948, and the persons on benefit at 29th May, 1948, are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" Districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary) in the following table:-

XII. DISTRIBUTION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN
AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES

State	Claims admitted during eleven months ended May, 1948				On Benefit at 29th May, 1948			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
New South Wales (b)	830	25	2,243	246	92	4	265	48
Victoria	290	48	626	9	18	4	41	-
Queensland	5,375	251	14,399	679	418	34	1,141	55
South Australia (c)	148	2	73	1	23	2	3	-
Western Australia	1,850	40	426	31	231	5	20	2
Tasmania	145	-	32	1	19	-	9	1
TOTAL:	8,638	366	17,799	967	801	49	1,479	106

(a) Metropolitan comprises the regions administered from Capital City and Suburban district offices of the Departments of Social Services or Labour and National Services (Employment Service). In N.S.W., Liverpool is included in "Other". In S.A., Port Adelaide and in W.A., Fremantle and Midland Junction are included in "Metropolitan".

(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Includes Northern Territory.

7. SICKNESS - CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING MAY, 1948 AND THE ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED MAY, 1948 AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF MAY, 1948.

(i) Metropolitan and Other: Sickness benefits whose admission was notified during the eleven months ended May, 1948, and those current at 29th May, 1948, are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary), in the following table:-

XIII. DISTRIBUTION OF SICKNESS BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES.

State	Claims admitted during eleven months ended May, 1948				On Benefit at 29th May, 1948			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
New South Wales (b)	10,736	3,919	7,355	1,499	1,629	690	1,128	240
Victoria	7,699	2,999	3,835	982	1,188	606	566	172
Queensland	3,510	1,061	3,889	697	587	216	519	117
South Australia (c)	3,821	978	1,410	221	578	183	147	20
Western Australia	2,659	967	1,723	316	399	158	172	41
Tasmania	990	230	1,169	225	178	49	176	42
TOTAL	29,415	10,184	19,381	3,940	4,559	1,902	2,708	632

(a) See footnote to table XII. (b) Includes A.C.T. (c) Includes N.T.

(ii) Industrial Groups: The distribution according to main industrial groups, of persons on sickness benefit at 29th May, 1948, is shown in the following table:-

XIV. INDUSTRIAL GROUPS : PERSONS ON SICKNESS BENEFIT AT 29TH MAY, 1948 : AUSTRALIA.

Industry in which last engaged	Males	Females	Persons
Agriculture, Pastoral and Dairying	567	21	588
Other Primary Production	152	3	155
Coal Mining	195	1	196
Other Mining and Quarrying	132	2	134
Factories and Industrial -			
Founding, engineering, metalworking, including shipbuilding.	1,051	101	1,152
Vehicles, including aircraft	346	21	367
Textiles and articles of dress	261	445	706
Food, drink and tobacco	469	134	603
Furniture, woodwork, etc.	293	10	303
Other Factories, including heat, light and power	737	135	872
Building and Construction	1,031	1	1,032
Transport and Communication	689	67	756
Commerce and Finance -			
Wholesale and retail trade	682	445	1,127
Finance and property	55	40	95
Public Administration and Professional	212	454	666
Personal and Domestic Service	367	649	1,016
Other	28	5	33
TOTAL	7,267	2,534	9,801

(iii) Nature of Sickness: The following table shows the principal causes of sickness as stated on medical certificates of persons whose admission was notified during May, 1948, and the eleven months ended May, 1948, and of those on benefit at 29th May, 1948:-

XV. NATURE OF SICKNESS : CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING MAY, 1948
AND THE ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED MAY, 1948 : AUSTRALIA

Nature of Sickness	Admitted during May, 1948		Admitted during eleven months ended May, 1948		On Benefit at 29th May, 1948	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Infective and Parasitic Diseases	343	92	2,978	867	353	163
Cancer	24	4	342	71	78	19
Other Tumours	30	37	434	344	84	67
Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition and Vitamin-Deficiency Diseases	243	83	2,827	923	530	210
Diseases of -						
Blood and Blood-forming Organs	23	19	195	228	45	48
Nervous System and Sense Organs	447	180	4,252	1,766	739	353
Circulatory System	376	62	4,012	611	838	153
Respiratory System	533	128	5,470	1,180	652	202
Digestive System	1,087	299	11,020	3,211	1,375	368
Genito-Urinary System	194	131	2,036	1,216	335	232
Pregnancy, Childbirth, etc.	-	115	-	947	-	206
Skin and Cellular Tissue	265	68	2,898	660	303	76
Bones and Organs of Movement	122	27	1,174	296	211	67
Other Diseases (including Ill-defined conditions)	69	36	791	383	116	76
Injuries and Acute Poisoning -						
Fractures	550	60	4,946	542	1,031	141
Other Injuries, etc.	515	46	4,926	556	458	88
Operations (original disability not stated)	35	28	320	240	50	47
Other (including not stated)	8	4	175	53	19	10
TOTAL	4,872	1,419	48,796	14,094	7,267	2,534

8. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED.

The total number of applicants for benefit whose claims were notified during the eleven months ended May, 1948, and of those whose claims were notified as rejected during the same period are shown in the Table below:-

XVI. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED - ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED MAY, 1948 : STATES.

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		Percentage Rejects to total
	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	
N.S.W. (a)	6,344	3,000	27,040	3,531	1,516	220	34,900	6,751	19.34
Vic.	1,991	1,018	18,168	2,653	2,488	213	22,647	3,884	17.15
Qld.	34,661	13,957	10,910	1,753	716	233	46,287	15,943	34.44
S.A. (b)	387	163	7,976	1,546	199	65	8,562	1,774	20.72
W.A.	3,594	1,247	6,677	1,012	851	57	11,122	2,316	20.82
Tasmania	240	62	2,965	351	122	32	3,327	445	13.28
TOTAL	47,217	19,447	73,736	10,846	5,892	820	126,845	31,113	24.53

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

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